

AUGUST 26, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Clinton County Law Center, Clinton, IA. Present were Supervisors Irwin, Srp and George. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

9:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions Claims Approval

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2024-225 through 2024-227 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2024-225

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff is an elected official and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for elected officials, but need to authorize payroll for the County Auditor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Office of Jail to Dalles Johnson, as a full-time Civilian Correctional Officer. This will be in effect at an hourly rate of \$21.08 during the probationary period of 6 months, then increasing to \$23.42. Dalles starting date of employment with the Sheriff's Office will be August 26, 2024. This is subject to the terms and conditions of the Sheriff's Bargaining Unit agreement without further action of this Board.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-226

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors authorizes payroll for the Clinton County Maintenance Department; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County offered the Temporary Maintenance Custodian position to Luke Ernst; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves payroll to pay Luke Ernst as a temporary part-time employee at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, effective 8/26/2024.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-227

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors has established a policy pursuant to Code of Iowa Section 727.2 to require a permit to operate a fireworks display in Clinton County; and

WHEREAS, BS General Store LLC has submitted a full and complete application for a fireworks display on September 28, 2024, at 2919 Hwy 67, Camanche, IA; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County that a Clinton County Permit to Display Fireworks be issued to BS General Store LLC per the submitted and accepted Clinton County Fireworks Display Application.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-228

WHEREAS, according to Iowa Code Section 309.17, the Board of Supervisors shall employ one or more licensed civil engineers who shall be known as county engineers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both parties to review the Clinton County Engineer Employment Contract and Agreement annually; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that said employment contract and agreement be and is hereby approved.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-229

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors and the Jackson County Board of Supervisors wish to enter into an agreement to temporarily provide engineering services of the Clinton County Engineer to Jackson County, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this temporary agreement is to establish a working mechanism between the participating counties so that the Jackson County Board may utilize the services of Todd Kinney (Clinton County Engineer), and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that said agreement be and is hereby approved and the Board of Supervisors and county auditor be and are hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

## DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reviewed the Board's schedule. He said the Board will meet in Goose Lake on Wednesday mostly for the wind ordinance review, but said there will be a couple other things on the agenda since the Board is not scheduled to meet Labor Day week.

Chairman Irwin said the mental health regions have new districts and Clinton County will be in a larger region that goes across Highway 20 from Black Hawk County to Dubuque County and run further south.

County Mental Health Director Becky Eskildsen said they are meeting in Scott County to address the region budget shortfall. She said she also attended a meeting last week with MercyOne officials about changes at the hospital.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said they have been receiving a lot of questions since the tax bills have been sent out. He said he is on a review committee for a new DOT manual being created for farmers to understand DOT compliance. He reminded people that all systems permits are annual and need to be renewed.

Sheriff Bill Greenwalt said schools opened on Friday and they have been conducting a lot of speed enforcement since then.

County Conservation Director Phil Visser reported the Rock Creek Catfish Classic was a success yesterday. He said Labor Day will be a busy weekend in their campgrounds.

County Human Resources Director Alexandria Ellison reviewed county employee years of service for September.

## DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Review Meeting Procedures for August 28 Meeting in Goose Lake to Discuss the County Renewable Energy Wind Turbine Ordinance: Irwin said he sent out a list of ideas of how to run the meeting. He reviewed the list with the Board. Irwin said there is no action being taken on Wednesday night. He said when dealing with the revisions of the current ordinance, it will take several meetings. He said other ordinances will need to be reviewed for consistency.

County Attorney Mike Wolf said he provided a one-sheet rules of decorum for the meeting and would review these before the meeting starts on Wednesday. Irwin said there will be a three-minute time limit on speakers. Wolf said the rules also encourage written testimony as well that can be included with the meeting. Wolf shared a handout of likely topics for the ordinance that could be shared to help people focus on what issues may be most important to them. Irwin said there will be a hard stop at 10 p.m. on Wednesday and doors will open at 5 p.m. County Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes reminded people that no decisions are being made at the next two meetings that have been scheduled. He added no application has been submitted. He said when an application is submitted there will be more public hearings.

Supervisor Srp read a prepared statement that was placed on file. The statement said he was approached by a wind developer to participate in the wind turbine project. He said this is the first time his family company has been contacted to participate. Srp said he met with Wolf to discuss the possibility of a conflict of interest. Wolf provided a review and recommendation that included Srp not even participate in discussions of the wind turbine. Srp also asked to place the County Attorney memo on file with the minutes. He said he wants a clean outcome and that is all he's wanted since the start. He said he will continue to represent Clinton County in a moral and ethical way and therefore he will step aside from further conversation about this matter. Wolf said he can stay at the meeting on Wednesday and listen, but not participate in discussion.

Administration Building Project Update: Srp attended the Friday update meeting and said the contractors are being aggressive with bringing in additional labor. He said the only change was moving the priority of work. He said they will work on the cafeteria and have that done by the end of September. He said the front entry will be open by the start of October, but the windows won't be ready by then and will be installed after the election.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize building maintenance to order the flooring and other materials for the Recorder's Office space in the Administration Building.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Motion carried.

10:41 A.M. Public Hearing

Chairman Irwin called a public meeting to order to solicit public comment on the proposed County property transfer to the City of Delmar.

In attendance were the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor, County Engineer, public and media.

Proof of publication was presented, accepted and returned for filing.

County Engineer Todd Kinney explained the proposed swap of land between the County and the City of Delmar.

No comments were received before the public hearing. No comments were made during the hearing.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

A resolution approving the land exchange will be presented at a future Board meeting.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Northeast High School Auditorium, 3690 Hwy 136, Goose Lake, IA.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson